

**Washington, DC** - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) released the following statement on Memorial Day in honor of the brave men and women of Iowa who have defended our country:

"This weekend, families across Iowa will gather to honor the brave men and women who have fought for our country and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our rights and freedom.

"As a young Marine, my father fought in the historic battle on Iwo Jima 65 years ago. He taught me to take pride in my values and fight for my beliefs. Most importantly, he taught us to honor America's veterans and gave us a deeper understanding of the struggles and challenges facing members of the military and their families when they come home from war. While we have holidays to honor our veterans throughout the year, we must also remember our veterans every day and make sure they receive proper care when they return.

On behalf of the First District of Iowa, I'd like to thank our veterans and their families. Thank you for your service, your sacrifice and your bravery."

Broadcast quality video of Congressman Braley's statement is available [here](#).